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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/601,219	Applicant(s) RAGER, CHRISTOPHER A.	
	Examiner David B Jones	Art Unit 3725	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-24 and 29-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-24 and 29-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/05/2005</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claim 16-18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claims 16-18, each of the claims call for "the platen" yet two platens have been set forth in claim 12; hence it is not clear the antecedent basis for "the platen". Further with respect to claims 16-18, "the displacing means", lines 1 and 2, lacks clear antecedent basis. Regarding claim 18, the claim calls for a displacement means on the base, yet in claim 12 it sets forth that the base is stationary and is not displaced.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 12-17, 19-24, 29, and 34-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 19,525,085. DE '085 teaches the claimed invention including a stationary base 4, a ram at 2, a first platen at 6, a second platen at 14 having openings at 15, a first die located on first platen 6 (not numbered) and on the top of second platen 14, a second die supported on the lower surface of second platen 14 (not numbered) and member 7 located on top of base 4, pins 11 having shanks and a head at 13, a means for supplying pressurized fluid to the workpieces to place in the dies at 17/19/20, and further the base having a bores 16 for receiving the pins 11 when the ram is moved

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toward the base. The ram 2 and the die connected thereto is considered, for the basis of claims 16 and 17, to inherently have a linear actuator for moving them relative to the base. Regarding claims 40 and 41, the actuator is considered to be the inherent mover of the ram 2.

3. Claims 12, 18, and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 2,723,848. DE '848 teaches the claimed invention including a stationary base 5, a ram at 4 holding a first platen (not numbered), a second or intermediate platen at 8 having openings (not numbered but extending through the platen 8 for guide pins), a first die located on first platen at 6a and on the top of second platen 8 at 6b, a second die supported on the lower surface of second platen 8 at 7a and at 7b located on top of base 5, and finally pins 9 having shanks for guiding the intermediate platen 8. Further structure 11/12/13 of DE '848 is considered to be structure/actuators between the base and the intermediate platen 8 for opening the intermediate platen relative to the base and ram when separated.

4. Applicant's submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) on 11/05/2004 prompted the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 609(B)(2)(i). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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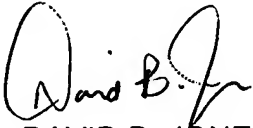
mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David B. JONES whose telephone number is (571) 272-4518.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to telephone number is (571) 272-3700.

In the event that the Applicant(s) wishes to communicate via Fax, the current central Fax number for the patent office is (703) 872-0906

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